



St. Louis Audubon Society



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Speaker and Door Prize Highlight Audubon Annual Dinner, April 26

by Bill Brandhorst & Tom Day

The annual dinner of the St. Louis Audubon Society will be held at Agusti's Restaurant, 2300 Edwards St., in St. Louis (on the Hill) on April 26.

The featured speaker for the evening will be Fiona Marshall, associate professor of anthropology at Washington University. She was born in Nairobi, Kenya. Educated in Kenya and England, she received her Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. She came to Washington University in 1987. She has written many papers and has co-authored many of these with her husband, Thomas Pilgrim, a biostatistician at Washington University, who will be with her at the dinner. They are writing a book together.

Professor Marshall has been assigned the job of preserving the 3.2 million-year-old humanoid tracks in Tanzania. She will talk about these and also the early (10,000 years ago) hunters and gatherers in Africa and why and how some became farmers.

Rex Schmidt has donated a print to be given away as a door prize for this evening. The print, an orange and gold sunset scene on a lake, has a velvet matt and is ready for framing. St. Louis Audubon thanks Rex for this lovely donation.

The evening will begin with a cash bar at 6:30 pm, which is an excellent opportunity to meet new people who share your interest in nature as well as to renew old acquaintances. Dinner will be served at 7:30 pm, followed by a brief meeting that will include the election of new board members.

Dinner choices are an assortment plate of Agusti entrees, spumoni, and

soft drink/coffee or an alternate vegetarian plate--please indicate your preference on the reservation form. The cost for the dinner is \$16 per person. If you have questions, please call Tom Day at 822-9695 (days) or 962-4064 (evenings).

A **dinner reservation form** is included on **page 6**. Checks should be made payable to St. Louis Audubon Society. Please send your reservation, to be received no later than **April 19**, to:

**Katherine Chambers
St. Louis Audubon
7024 Forsyth
St. Louis, MO 63105**

Michael Abbene Donates Computer

Audubon member Michael Abbene of Ballwin has donated a computer system to the St. Louis Audubon Society for use in its Kirkwood office. The system consists of a Compuadd 386-SX computer with monitor, CD Rom with speakers, and desk jet printer.

All the Audubon officers, board of directors, and members are grateful for this generous donation, which will help the organization to enter the "information superhighway."

Board member Jim Malone has donated his time to set up the computer and to determine memory needs for Audubon. Plans include loading up the membership list and adding fields to it for all kinds of information. The board has also approved the purchase of a new office desk with a keyboard platform.

This computer will definitely help St. Louis Audubon to service its members more easily. Thanks again to Michael Abbene for this wonderful donation and to Jim Malone for his expertise.

Attention, All Birders!

by Charlene Malone

All present and future owners of the newly published book *BIRDS OF THE ST. LOUIS AREA: Where and When to Find Them*, please take notice.

In the section describing the Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge, page 62 makes reference to an access to Swan Lake by way of **Sand Ridge Road** (S-6). This is a **private road**, and the property owners on this road do not wish for others to use it. Please respect their wishes and use other Swan Lake points of access detailed in the book.

Please spread the word to all of your birding friends. Thank you.

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From Your President

by Mary Lou Miller

On May 1, 1996, I will be relinquishing the gavel as president of the St. Louis Audubon Society. After serving 3 years as president, I think it's time for a different person with new ideas to take over.

I want to thank all those who have helped me so much with the projects and activities of our society during this time. Without all of you, we would not have succeeded in bringing education, conservation, and information on the natural world to so many people.

It has been a busy time but also fun working with such a diverse group of individuals. Thank you again!

Thanks to . . .

Len Hudgens

LaVerne Koyn

Mary Lou Miller

for their help in painting and unpacking more boxes at the February 25 work day held at the Audubon's Kirkwood office.

Dorothy Mill

who will be helping with the collection of receipts and labels for the Community Club Awards project. We still need another person to work with her; call Mary Lou Miller at H# 389-3969 if you are interested.

The CCA items can be mailed or delivered to:

Dorothy Mill
1601 Featherstone Drive
St. Louis, MO 63131
H# 966-6163

Membership Drive in Progress

St. Louis Audubon's membership committee met in March to make plans for our membership drive this spring.

We will be receiving lists from the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Department of Natural Resources indicating magazine recipients in the targeted zip code areas. A new brochure will be produced to enclose in the mailing to these people.

If you would like to help with this project, please call Mary Lou Miller, H# 389-3969.

Local Members Meet with NAS on Education

Dianne Johnson, Mary Lou Miller, Sue Smith, and Dave Tylka met with staff from the National Audubon Society on March 28 at the Adams Mark Hotel. The NAS staff was in St. Louis as part of the National Science Teachers' Association Convention from March 28 through March 30 at the Convention Center.

Other chapter officers from Missouri were invited to this meeting, along with Jan Burch, former director to the NAS board for our region; Joyce Wolf, current regional director to the NAS board; Anita Randolph from Jefferson City, Missouri Audubon Council president; and Ron Klataske, vice president of the west central region of the NAS.

This meeting focused on education, highlights of which will be published in the June *Tale Feathers*.

Resource Center Network Representatives Meet

Rhonda Keller, Chris Serbia, and Karen Turner will represent the St. Louis Audubon Society at a meeting of the Resource Center Network at the Science Center on Wednesday, April 10.

Attendees will view the new Omnimax film, *The Serengeti*. After a light supper, everyone will give a brief summary of educational activities of the organization he or she represents.

This group meets twice a year, and members represent education departments of their organizations and agencies.

Get to Know . . . Jim Jennings

(This is the tenth in a series of articles written about and by St. Louis Audubon board members themselves so that all our membership can be better acquainted with our decision makers on the board.)

I am currently completing 3 years as Vice President of Finance and Chairman of the Investment Committee for the St. Louis Audubon Society. I also serve on the advisory board of the Salvation Army Harbor Light Center.

A member of the St. Louis University faculty since 1976, I am a professor of accounting at the School of Business and Administration. I hold a Ph.D. in accounting from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

My wife of 31 years, Patricia, is retired from teaching in the Parkway School District. We have 2 adult children, James and Peter.

My favorite bird watching is observing water fowl from the cockpit of my Catalina 22 sailboat at Lake Carlyle.

Volunteers Needed for Spring Events

St. Louis Audubon will have a display table at Wings of Spring, a Riverlands environmental fair, to be held on Sunday, April 14, from 10 am to 4 pm. The event will be located at the Lincoln Shields Recreation Area next to Riverlands at the Melvin Price Lock and Dam Area.

If you would like to help, please call Mary Lou Miller (H# 389-3969) or Mary Smith (H# 949-7871).

St. Louis Audubon will have an informational booth at this year's Earth Day Festival, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21. The event will be celebrated both days in Tower Grove Park and the Missouri Botanical Garden, 10 am to 5 pm. If you would like to help out in the booth, please call Mary Smith (H# 949-7871).

St. Louis Audubon will also be present at a Tiger Cub Day at Beaumont Scout Reservation on Saturday, June 1. These Tigers are 6 and 7 years old; volunteers will try to hold their interest with bird, butterfly, and bug mounts in glass and with other nature items. If you would like to donate some time to this event, please call Mary Smith (H# 949-7871) or Mary Lou Miller (H# 389-3969).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Audubon Bird Walks

Bring binoculars, bird field guide, & dress for field conditions & weather. Coaching & instruction for all levels. Call leader for confirmation & more information.

Woodcock/Owl Prowl -- Saturday, April 6, at 5 pm. Special field trip at Busch Conservation Area. In St. Charles County. Take Hwy 94 south of US 40; go 1 mile to a right on Hwy D. Go 1.5 miles to entrance on right. Drive past HQ area through gate to parking lot at Hampton (first) Lake. Bring flashlights, boots, & dress for weather. Leader: Jim Malone, H# 536-1119.

Marais Temps Clair bird walk scheduled for April 7 -- CAN-CELED!

Busch Conservation Area -- Saturday, April 20, at 8 am. Bring picnic lunch! See directions in 1st Busch entry. Leaders: Paul Bauer (H# 921-3972) & Blaine Ulmer (H# 966-5425).

Tower Grove Park -- Sunday, April 28, at 8 am. Take I-44 or I-64 east to south on Kingshighway. Go about 1 mile to left on Magnolia. Park on street; walk to brushy area (Gaddy Bird Garden) in park's northwest corner. Leaders: Kevin Renick & Jim Malone, H# 536-1119.

Kennedy Woods/Forest Park -- Sunday, May 5, at 8 am. Activity part of International Migratory Bird Week Celebration. Park behind the Art Museum & meet at edge of woods. Leader: Paul Bauer (H# 921-3972) plus Jim Holsen, Jim Malone, Kevin Renick, & Mike Treffert.

Kennedy Woods/Forest Park -- Sunday, May 12, at 8 am. Activity part of International Migratory Bird Week Celebration. Park behind the Art Museum & meet at edge of woods. Leader: Paul Bauer (H# 921-3972) plus Jim Holsen, Jim Malone, Kevin Renick, & Mike Treffert.

Busch Conservation Area/Lost Valley -- Sunday, May 19, at 8 am.

See directions in 1st Busch entry. Group will later carpool to second location. Leader: Jim Malone, H# 536-1119.

Audubon-Related Activities

St. Louis Audubon Annual Dinner & Meeting -- Friday, April 26, 6:30 pm at Agusti's Restaurant. See related article on page 1 & reservation form on page 6. Make your reservations by April 19.

Audubon Society of Missouri Spring Meeting -- Friday through Sunday, May 3-5. In Joplin, MO--5 field trips planned plus banquet with guest speaker. For entire schedule & registration details, send stamped, business-size envelope to:

**Paul Bauer
P. O. Box 2085
Florissant, MO 63032
For questions, call 921-3972.**

Missouri Audubon Council Meeting -- Sunday, May 5, 10 am to noon. For more info., call Bill Salsgiver, H# 225-1490.

Field Workshop for Shorebird Identification -- Saturday, May 4, at Riverlands &/or St. Charles County. Activity part of International Migratory Bird Week Celebration. See complete information & registration form on page 5.

International Migratory Bird Week Celebration -- Sunday through Saturday, May 5-11. See special insert for various activities, sponsored by St. Louis Audubon & other nature organizations.

National Audubon Society National Convention '96 -- Saturday through Friday, June 8-14. Convention held at American University in Washington, D.C. followed by learning labs in Chesapeake Bay & important bird areas in Pennsylvania. Theme: Charting the Future for Habitat Protection. For more info. & registration materials, call Mary Lou Miller, H# 389-3969.

Special Events

Upcoming Trips with Friends of Tyson -- April 13 through September 29. Trips emphasize birding with Dick Coles, naturalist. Locations vary; call Darlene Marlow, 727-2325, for flyers & info. on how to sign up.

Wings of Spring -- Sunday, April 14, 10 am to 4 pm, at Riverlands. See short "Volunteer" article on page 2. Call Mary Lou Miller (H# 389-3969) or Mary Smith (H# 949-7871) if you can help with display table at this event.

1996 Earth Day Community Festival -- Friday through Monday, April 19-22. Friday: Town Hall Meeting at MO Botanical Garden; reservations required. Saturday & Sunday: Festival at Tower Grove Park & MO Botanical Garden, 10 am to 5 pm. Monday: Environmental Education Day at MO Botanical Garden, 10 am to 4 pm. See short "Volunteer" article on page 2. Members willing to help with Audubon booth on Saturday or Sunday should call Mary Smith, H# 949-7871.

Environmental Lobby Day -- Wednesday, April 24, at State Capitol in Jefferson City. Organized by Missouri Coalition for the Environment; see related article on page 4. Call 727-0600 for details.

Retirement Party for Dick Coles & Fund Raiser for Tyson -- Sunday, May 5, noon to 5 pm at Tyson Research Center. For details & reservation form, call Darlene Marlow, 727-2325.

Fourth Annual Butterfly Count -- Saturday, May 18, 10 am to 1 pm, at 2 locations: Victoria Glade & Busch Conservation Area. (1st count at Valley View Glade is May 25.) Other counts at 3 locations held on June 22 & September 7. See related article on page 5. For more information, call Susanne Greenlee at The Nature Conservancy, 968-1105.

Tiger Cub Day -- Saturday, June 1, at Beaumont Scout Reservation. See short "Volunteer" article on page 2. If you can help with educational displays at this event, call Mary Smith (H# 949-7871) or Mary Lou Miller (H# 389-3969).

Bird Walk on the Katy Trail -- Saturday, June 1, by Mary Dueren, as part of National Trails Day. See related article on page 6. For specific details, call Mary (H# 576-1473).

The Conservation Corner

EPA Takes Bashing on Silver Anniversary

by Jim Holsen

In 1948 a poisonous smog left 20 dead and 500 ill in the industrial town of Donora, Pennsylvania, and in 1953 a thermal inversion left 600 dead in New York City. In the early 1960s Rachel Carson's prize-winning book *Silent Spring* awakened us to the devastating effects that some pesticides, particularly DDT, were having on fish-eating raptors such as eagles and ospreys. By 1970 our waters were so polluted that one river, the Cuyahoga, burst into flames as it flowed through Cleveland.

The first Earth Day, in 1970, dramatized these problems. People wanted answers. Congress, too, demanded solutions. In response, in December 1970, President Nixon established the Environmental Protection Agency by consolidating 15 previously disparate offices into 1 independent agency. Twenty-five years later, the agency is under siege from an anti-environmental, anti-regulatory Congress.

Success Has Left the EPA Vulnerable

Like the IRS, the EPA touches us all--and often in unpleasant ways. It requires us to take our cars in for annual emissions inspections, and it is threatening even more drastic measures if we do not cut our summer ozone levels. Our paints and solvents have been reformulated to remove the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that cause smog--so that turpentine no longer smells like turpentine and probably costs more. The men in protective clothing around the incinerator at Times Beach are another reminder of the ubiquitous presence of the EPA.

But the problems of gross pollution that plagued us 25 years ago are being solved. Our rivers are cleaner and so is our air.

All opinion polls show that the public overwhelmingly supports strict enforcement of our environmental

laws. Surprisingly, the larger chemical industries, represented by the Chemical Manufacturers Association, also support a strong EPA. Referring to the severe cuts in EPA's budget, a recent article in *Fortune* entitled "Hands Off the EPA" reported that "industries respond to proposed budget cuts for the EPA with support for the agency and preservation of its funding."

Opposition to the EPA comes not from the large chemical corporations, who are able to cope with a government bureaucracy, but from the extractive industries, mining and logging, and from small businesses which may not have the expertise or resources to deal with environmental problems.

Newer Environmental Problems are More Subtle

As the EPA enters its second quarter century, it finds that for many of the newer problems even the science is not well known. And in the case of pesticides and agricultural runoff, the so-called nonpoint source pollution problems, the polluters are not a few large corporations that can be easily contacted, but thousands, or millions, of farmers and small landowners.

In recent years the EPA has been working toward a more flexible performance-based management philosophy. Under the 1990 Pollution Prevention Act, industries are encouraged to develop their own most cost-effective methods to reduce pollutants. Industries find that they can reduce pollution and save energy by utilizing by-products in ways that also reduce costs.

EPA Bears Brunt of Anti-Regulatory Fervor in Congress

An early draft of the House appropriations bill that funds the Veterans Administration (VA), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and independent agencies, including the EPA, contained 17 "riders" that curtailed EPA's ability to enforce key provisions of the Clean Water Act, as well as parts of the

Superfund, Clean Air Act, and Safe Drinking Water Act. The Senate version contained 11 anti-environmental riders. The bill that finally emerged from a conference committee, and was passed by both the House and the Senate, contained only 5 riders, but it did cut EPA's funding by 21%, while other governmental departments suffered cuts of only about 12%.

This appropriations bill contained 1 other particularly objectionable provision, inserted at the insistence of Senator Kit Bond. That provision takes away from the EPA its right to review wetlands permits issued by the Corps of Engineers--permits granted under the authority of the Clean Water Act which regulates the loss of wetlands. As an operating agency, the Corps should not be sole judge of its own regulatory actions.

President Clinton vetoed this appropriations bill, and the 2 departments and other agencies have since been funded through a series of Continuing Resolutions (CRs), the latest of which expired on March 22. As this is written, Congress is reconsidering the appropriations bill, and the issue of the wetlands permits is a contentious one that will be decided by Congress and the White House. This has been a major issue for the National Audubon Society, which has campaigned to persuade Senator Bond to remove his wetlands rider.

Environmental Lobby Day Planned

by Jim Holsen

The Missouri Coalition for the Environment is organizing an Environmental Lobby Day at the State Capitol in Jefferson City for Wednesday, April 24. St. Louis Audubon is a co-sponsor.

Participants from all parts of Missouri will have an opportunity to be briefed on environmental bills before the state legislature and to discuss those bills with their own and other legislators.

Buses will leave St. Louis at 8:30 am and will return by 7 pm. The cost of \$15 includes round-trip bus fare. Bring your lunch or buy your own at the Capitol.

Help to demonstrate support for environmental legislation. Call Carrie Jaeger or Scott Mills at the Coalition, 727-0600, for details.

Meeting for Fourth Annual Butterfly Count

by Susanne Greenlee

A short presentation on the Fourth Annual Butterfly Count for the St. Louis area will be held at Powder Valley Nature Center in Kirkwood on Thursday, May 9, from 7 to 8 pm. This meeting is for people of all ages interested in assisting with the Annual Butterfly Count. We will discuss the what, why, how, and where of the counts near St. Louis.

The 1996 counts will be conducted at Victoria Glade and Valley View Glade in Jefferson County and at Busch Conservation Area. The counts

will take place on 3 Saturdays (10 am to 1 pm) at all 3 locations throughout the season:

May 18*

June 22

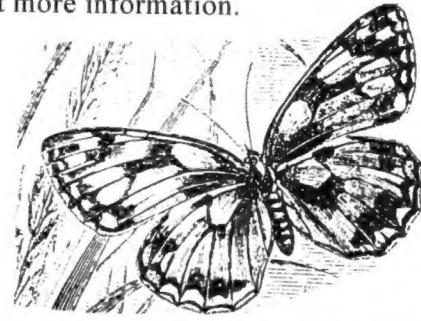
September 7

* Note that the first count at Valley View Glade is on May 25, not May 18. Other local counts include Powder Valley Nature Center and Cuivre River State Park. These 2 sites may have different count days.

The annual butterfly counts have been conducted at over 10 sites since 1993. The Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, National Park Service, The Nature Conservancy, and over 100 volunteers supported the counts.

The information gathered will assist in assessing butterfly distributions, population trends, and the effects of different land management techniques on the community. Butterflies, due to their narrow feeding habits, are excellent indicator species to monitor the health of natural areas.

Please call Susanne Greenlee at The Nature Conservancy (314/968-1105) to sign up for these butterfly counts or to get more information.



An Introductory Field Workshop for Shorebird Identification

Do all shorebirds look alike to you? Do they seem impossible to sort out and identify? Well, you're not alone. A substantial percentage of birders have problems with identifying shorebirds--not even the experts can confidently identify each and every one of them! However, although admittedly difficult and often challenging, most shorebirds can be identified in the field.

The St. Louis Audubon Society announces a special introductory field workshop for shorebird identification to be conducted by Dale Delaney of Delaney EcoTours, Ltd. This workshop is intended to cover the basics of shorebird identification: size, shape, plumage, behavior, calls, etc.

We will be searching for and studying the common shorebirds, which typically migrate through our area each spring. Once you have learned to identify these common birds at the species level, then it becomes much easier for you to undertake such challenges as determining the age and/or race of any given individual. And, of course, the more field experience you have, then the better your chances will be of spotting that occasional anomaly or rarity.

WHEN: **8 am to 3 pm, Saturday, May 4, 1996**

WHERE: **Meet in the parking lot of the West County Shopping Mall located at I-270 & Manchester Road. (We will assemble at the south end of the parking lot near Penney's at lamp post #1 and then carpool to Riverlands and/or St. Charles County.)**

FEE: **\$10 (All proceeds will be donated to Audubon's education fund.)**
Registration will be limited to first 25 people.

In addition to binoculars, the follow items would be helpful to bring along with you:
***spotting scope *field guide *picnic lunch**

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Dale Delaney at 230-9675 (daytime) or Mary Lou Miller at 389-3969 (evenings).

Field Workshop Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

Home phone: _____ Business phone: _____

Please complete this form and return it with your check (payable to St. Louis Audubon Society) to the following address:

**St. Louis Audubon Society
3927 Lucas & Hunt Road
St. Louis, MO 63121**

**ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATION FORM
ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER**

Reservation requests must be returned by Friday, April 19.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26
CASH BAR: 6:30 pm
DINNER: 7:30 pm**

**SPEAKER:
FIONA MARSHALL
Anthropology Prof.
Washington University**

**AGUSTI'S RESTAURANT
2300 EDWARDS ST.
ST. LOUIS, MO**

Please reserve _____ places at \$16 each for the Annual Dinner.
My check payable to the St. Louis Audubon Society is enclosed.

Please reserve _____ **a)** assortment entree dinner(s) and/or _____ **b)** vegetarian dinner(s).

Please complete information below, including phone number. You will receive a call confirming your reservation.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Mail this form & check to:

Katherine Chambers
St. Louis Audubon
7024 Forsyth
St. Louis, MO 63105



The Education Corner

National Trails Day Celebrated

National Trails Day 1996 will be celebrated in Missouri on Saturday, June 1, at an annual rally at Frontier Park in the City of St. Charles. Greenway Network, Inc. is coordinating the event to increase awareness of the need to protect and develop trails of all kinds. One of the key co-sponsors is the City of St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department.

The American Hiking Society, national sponsor of National Trails Day, promotes Trails for All Americans, an effort to provide trail access within 15 minutes of every American's home or workplace. "Narrow public parks"--trails--promote health and fitness in urban areas where many workers can find convenient, enjoyable, and safe places for bicycling, walking, and jogging.

Studies have shown that trails contribute to economic prosperity and increased property values, as well as regional tourism. Preservation of open

space for trails helps to protect natural resources and reduce erosion of land, while simultaneously enabling nearby farming, trade, or home life. Trails help to educate everyone about the value and importance of the natural environment.

Increasing numbers of trails are expected to become an alternative to motorized travel. In the future, more homes, offices, schools, and shopping areas are anticipated to be interconnected by trails as means of achieving and maintaining cleaner air and less traffic congestion.

Support for continuing improvement of both the local and national trails systems can begin by participating in a National Trails Day observance near you. Volunteers to help supervise activities for the St. Charles event are needed. For more information, contact Greenway Network, Inc. at 947-0772 (FAX# 947-0778). Mailing address is

**Greenway Network, Inc.
P. O. Box 513
St. Charles, MO 63302-0513**

Do You Just Belong?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you like to stay at home,
Then criticize, and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along?
Are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belongs?

Do you work on the committees
To see there is no trick?
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?

Come to meetings often
And help with hand and heart.
Don't be "just a member . . ."
Please, take an **active** part!

Really think this over.
You know right from wrong.
Are YOU an active member?
Or do you **just belong**?
--Anonymous

We Want Your Opinion

As we begin planning the St. Louis Audubon Society's fall 1996 - spring 1997 activities calendar, we are considering the addition of 1 or more regional birding trips outside the immediate St. Louis area. If you might be interested in attending such a trip, please fill out and return the following survey, so that we may design such outings to satisfy the desires of our membership.

Please place a check mark next to **each** item you might be interested in. (You may make more than 1 selection for each category.) When you have completed the survey, please cut this form out of the newsletter, place it in a stamped, business-size envelope and mail it to the address below **before May 20**. Thank you for your participation.

Mail to: **Jim Malone
15424 Elk Ridge Lane
Chesterfield, MO 63017**

**Trip Length -
How long would you like to see regional trips be?**

Day trip
 Weekend trip (leave Saturday, return Sunday)

**Method of Travel -
Which of the follow travel arrangements would you be interested in?**

Bus trip (\$20-\$40 per person per day)
 Car caravan using personal vehicles
 Using your own vehicle
 Car pooling, sharing gas expenses

If we plan day trips (depart and return - same day), which day(s) would you prefer?

Saturday
 Sunday
 Holiday

(please indicate which holiday) _____

Which day trip destinations sound the best to you?

Lake Carlyle, Illinois
 Clarence Canon National Wildlife Refuge/Ted Shanks Conservation Area
 Swan Lake (Central Missouri)/Thomas Hill Reservoir
 Meramec State Park
 St. Louis Arboretum
 Other (give us your suggestions)

Which weekend trip destinations appeal to you?

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge/Duck Creek/Otter Slough/Big Oak Tree State Park
 Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge (Northwestern MO)
 Other (give us your suggestions)

Time of Year - When would you like to go?

Spring (May-June)
 Fall (August-October)

ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check the membership category desired: New Renewal

Introductory/\$20 Individual/\$35 Family/\$40
 Sustaining/\$50 Supporting/\$100 Sr. Citizen/\$21
 Sr. Citizen Family/\$23

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Send application to:

Mrs. Katherine Chambers, Membership Chairman
St. Louis Audubon Society 7XCH8
7024 Forsyth
St. Louis, MO 63105

Make membership checks payable to:

National Audubon Society
If you wish to make a donation to the local chapter, please write a separate check to:
St. Louis Audubon Society

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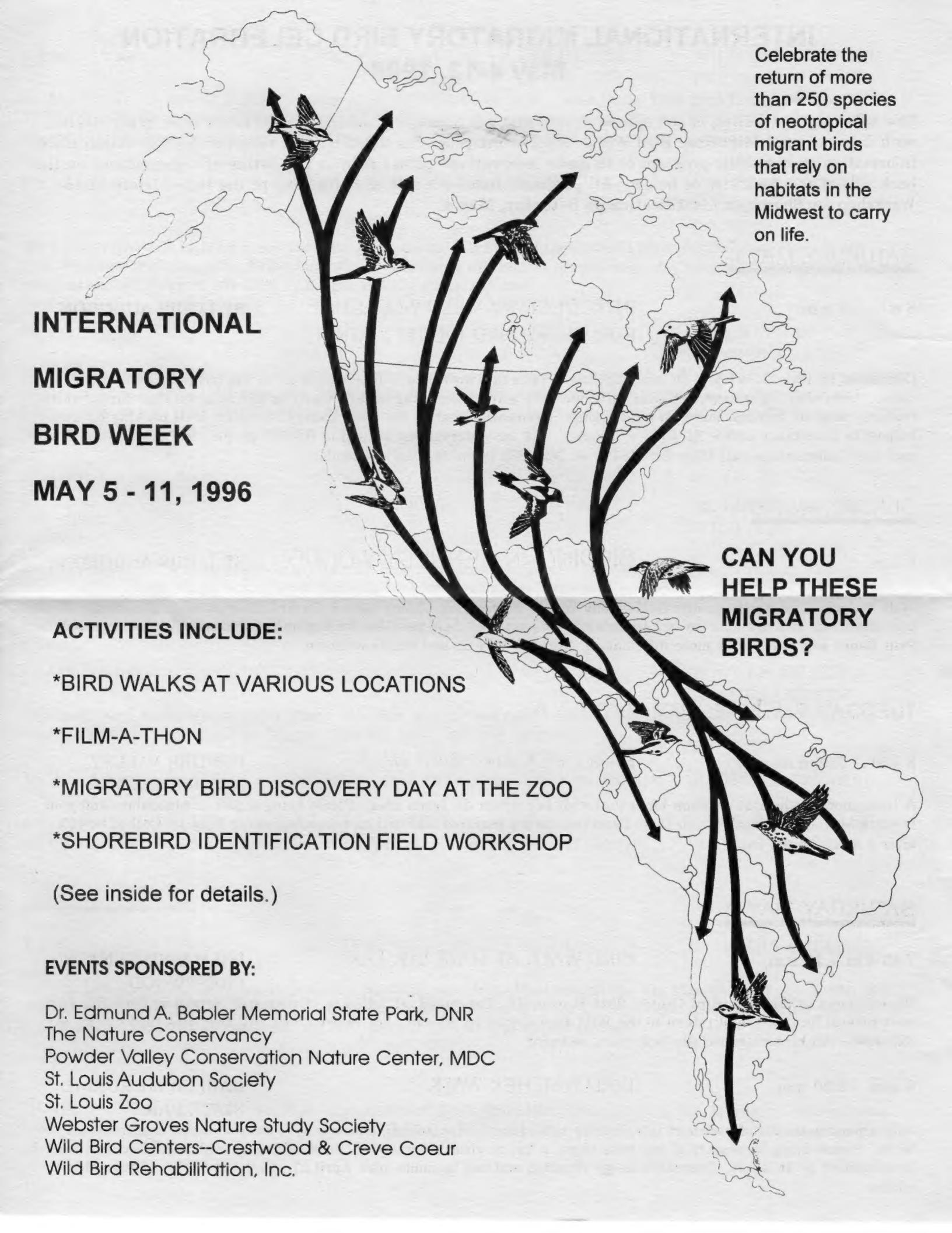
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St. Louis Audubon Society



Celebrate the return of more than 250 species of neotropical migrant birds that rely on habitats in the Midwest to carry on life.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD WEEK

MAY 5 - 11, 1996

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

*BIRD WALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

*FILM-A-THON

*MIGRATORY BIRD DISCOVERY DAY AT THE ZOO

*SHOREBIRD IDENTIFICATION FIELD WORKSHOP

(See inside for details.)

EVENTS SPONSORED BY:

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MIGRATORY
BIRDS?**

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD CELEBRATION

May 4-12, 1996

The following is a listing of the special events that are happening around the St. Louis area in conjunction with International Migratory Bird Week. Most of the programs listed require reservations. To obtain more information on a specific program or to make reservations, please refer to the listing of organizations on the back side of this brochure or below. All programs listed are free of charge except the Introductory Field Workshop for Shorebird Identification on Saturday, May 4.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

INTRODUCTORY FIELD WORKSHOP FOR SHOREBIRD IDENTIFICATION

ST. LOUIS AUDUBON

Conducted by Dale Delaney of Delaney EcoTours, Ltd., this workshop is intended to cover the basics of shorebird identification: size, shape, plumage, behavior calls, etc. We will be searching for and studying the common shorebirds, which typically migrate through our area each spring. Group will meet in the West County Shopping Mall parking lot and carpool to Riverlands and/or St. Charles County. \$10 fee--reservations limited to first 25 people. For registration form and more information, call Mary Lou Miller at 389-3969 (evenings and weekends).

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8 a.m.

BIRDING IN KENNEDY WOODS

ST. LOUIS AUDUBON

Walk to look for spring migrants in Kennedy Woods, Forest Park. Meet behind the Art Museum near the woods. Bring binoculars and field guide. Several leaders will be available--help provided for beginners. No reservations required; call Paul Bauer at 921-3972 for more information. Ages 10 and up and adults welcome.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 & 8

8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

EARLY MORNING BIRD WALKS

POWDER VALLEY
NATURE CENTER

A fresh morning look at common birds that visit our urban St. Louis area. Please bring a pair of binoculars and your favorite birding handbook if you can. Reservations are required and will be taken beginning May 1. Call 821-8427 after 8 a.m. Adults only.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

7:45 a.m. - 10 a.m.

BIRD WALK AT LONE ELK PARK

WILD BIRD CENTER/
CRESTWOOD

We will meet at the Wild Bird Center, 9815 Watson Rd., Crestwood, at 7:45 a.m. Group will carpool to Lone Elk Park, visit several locations, and return to the Wild Bird Center by 10 a.m. For reservations, call the Wild Bird Center at 822-9695. All birders, especially beginners, welcome.

8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

BIRD WATCHER WALK

BABLER MEMORIAL
STATE PARK

Join a park naturalist for a short introductory talk about bird watching, followed by a walk to watch and listen for birds. Please bring binoculars if you have them, a hat or visor to wear, and sturdy shoes for walking. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations are required and can be made after April 27. Call 458-3813. 16-year olds to adults.

8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

BIRD WALK AT CREVE COEUR PARK

WILD BIRD CENTER/
CREVE COEUR

Join us for our 3rd annual IMBD bird walk through Creve Coeur Park. Meet in the Wild Bird Center parking lot, 12388 Olive Blvd., in Creve Coeur (behind TGI Fridays) for an 8 a.m. departure. We will carpool to the park and return around 10 a.m. Make reservations by calling 275-8777. Everyone, all ages and experience, welcome.

9 a.m. - noon

BIRDING IN TOWER GROVE PARK

WEBSTER GROVES
NATURE STUDY
SOCIETY

Walk led by WGNSS member Doug Corbett. Participants will meet at Gaddy Wild Bird Garden (near sign) in the northwest corner of the park. Bring binoculars. Beginners will receive special help. No reservations required--for more information, call Doug at 861-2829. All ages and beginners welcome.

10 a.m. - noon

BIRDING IN TOWER GROVE PARK

THE NATURE
CONSERVANCY

Visit Tower Grove Park to search for warblers and other spring migrants. Short walk over flat terrain. Appropriate for birders of all skill levels and all ages. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring binoculars. Call The Nature Conservancy at 968-1105 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays to reserve a spot. Directions and information will be mailed to you. Beginners welcome.

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

MIGRATORY BIRD DISCOVERY DAY
ZOO'S LIVING WORLD CENTER

ST. LOUIS ZOO
ST. LOUIS AUDUBON
WILD BIRD
REHABILITATION

Do you want to know more about wild birds, birding, and bird awareness? Activities and demonstrations feature bird identification, birds' adaptation to their habitats, best locations to see birds, feeding and housing for wild birds, proper care for injured and orphaned wild birds, a chance to meet live birds from the Zoo, and bird activities for kids. No reservations required; stop by anytime. For more details, call Louise Bradshaw at 781-0900, ext. 318. All ages welcome.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FILM-A-THON

POWDER VALLEY
NATURE CENTER

This is an open invitation, no reservations required, to come and enjoy various films about migrant birds. A listing of film titles will be available after May 1. Call 821-8427. All ages welcome.

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

MIGRATORY BIRD DAY PROGRAM

BABLER MEMORIAL
STATE PARK

Join a park naturalist for a short introductory talk, followed by the slide presentation "Partners in Flight." Reservations are not required. For more information, call 458-3813. Adults and families welcome.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

8 a.m.

BIRDING IN KENNEDY WOODS

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NOTE: In celebration of International Migratory Bird Week, Wild Bird Rehabilitation, Inc. is making informational brochures on migratory birds available at various locations throughout the area, along with donation cans--proceeds to go toward the work of this organization.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS



Missouri Department of Natural Resources

DR. EDMUND A. BABLER MEMORIAL STATE PARK
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
800 Guy Park Dr., Chesterfield
For reservations & information, call 458-3813.
Reservations begin as listed on previous pages.



THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
2800 South Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis
For information & reservations, call 968-1105.



POWDER VALLEY CONSERVATION NATURE CENTER
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
11715 Cragwold Rd., Kirkwood
For reservations & information, call 821-8427.
Reservations begin as listed on previous pages.



ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY
3927 Lucas & Hunt Rd., St. Louis
Reservations for events stated in detail inside.
For other information, call 389-3969 (evenings).



ST. LOUIS ZOO
Forest Park, St. Louis
For information about Zoo programs, call 768-5466.

Webster
Groves
Nature
Study
Society

WEBSTER GROVES NATURE STUDY SOCIETY
P. O. Box 23965, St. Louis
For information about programs, call Peggy Leonard, 394-5705.



WILD BIRD CENTER OF CRESTWOOD
9815 Watson, Rd., Watson Plaza, Crestwood
Call 822-9695

WILD BIRD CENTER OF CREVE COEUR
12388 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur
Call 275-8777



WILD BIRD REHABILITATION, INC.
10040 Big Bend Blvd., Kirkwood
Call 984-9116